

CHINESE WOMAN BANDIT VICTIM?

President of Republic of
South China Says
Wife Is Safe

BUT RUMOR PERSISTS

Stories Are Merely Political
Propaganda, Declares
an Official

CANTON, China, Dec. 24.—(Semi-official reports of the kidnapping of Madame Sun Yat sen, wife of the president of the republic of South China, persists, despite the denial of Dr. Sun himself, telegraphed here from Kweilin, Dr. Sun said that his wife, who was on her way to take charge of the Red Cross work with the South China army, would reach her destination safely.

The Chinese newspapers printed the report of Madame Sun's kidnapping as authentic. Eugene Chen, a member of the Canton government, added his denial to that of Dr. Sun, saying that the report evidently had been put out by the political forces of the South China administration for propaganda purposes.

The widespread report of the kidnapping was evidently put out by the northern propaganda bureau as a political move to discredit the southern cause. Dr. Sun is now in the field leading an expedition against the forces of the north. The report of the kidnapping would tend to show that Dr. Sun's power was so weak that he could not even protect his wife.

"I know that the north wishes to prevent Madame Sun from assisting the southern cause through Red Cross work. We expect that many reports will be circulated in the future casting discredit upon the Red Cross."

Madame Sun was heavily guarded when she left, and I believe her husband when he says she is safe."

RUSH TROOPS TO QUELL EGYPTIANS

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because of the intense nationalist feeling that has been aroused among the Egyptians.

The Egyptian problem today is considered by close students of the situation as far worse than ever, judged by the tone of the native press and the number of new government demonstrations in the large cities. At this writing there has been no actual disorder but this is considered due in great measure to the fact that the nationalists are awaiting the arrival from London of Adly Yezhen Pasha, head of the delegation, in order that the extent of the setback for Egypt's hopes may be learned before any new moves are undertaken. Adly Pasha returned to Egypt early in December and on December 8 his resignation as premier was announced. Meanwhile the extremists under Said Zagloul Pasha are again coming to the fore and seem to be winning the support of the masses.

Schools Closed.
Practically all schools in Cairo have been closed and students are endeavoring to bring out government officials, many of whom have gone on strike. The military frustrated attempts by the students to set fire to government property. Many followers of Zagloul today condemned the acts of destruction which attended his removal from the city yesterday and they exhorted the nation to remain calm.

All the nationalists who have been arrested will remain at Suva, under military control pending a decision as to their ultimate destination.

SENATORS SURE OF SUCCESS OF PACT

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publican senators besides myself voted for them, including the president himself.

"I know of no necessity for reservations other than the two already agreed to by the four powers being attached to the present treaty, but if others are desirable I shall have no objection to them as long as they are not intended to destroy the treaty."

"I find no serious opposition to the treaty anywhere except in Washington," said Senator Gooding, republican of Idaho, Senator Borah's colleague. "In fact when I returned home recently I found everybody as I traveled strong for it. The people want the conference to succeed. They want its decisions to bring lasting peace and good will. The lips of every mother breathe a prayer for its success. The treaty will unquestionably be ratified."

The general opinion among senators is that the treaty probably will be ratified with some reservations, although Senator Lodge is said to be opposed to them, and the British delegates are said to be set against them.

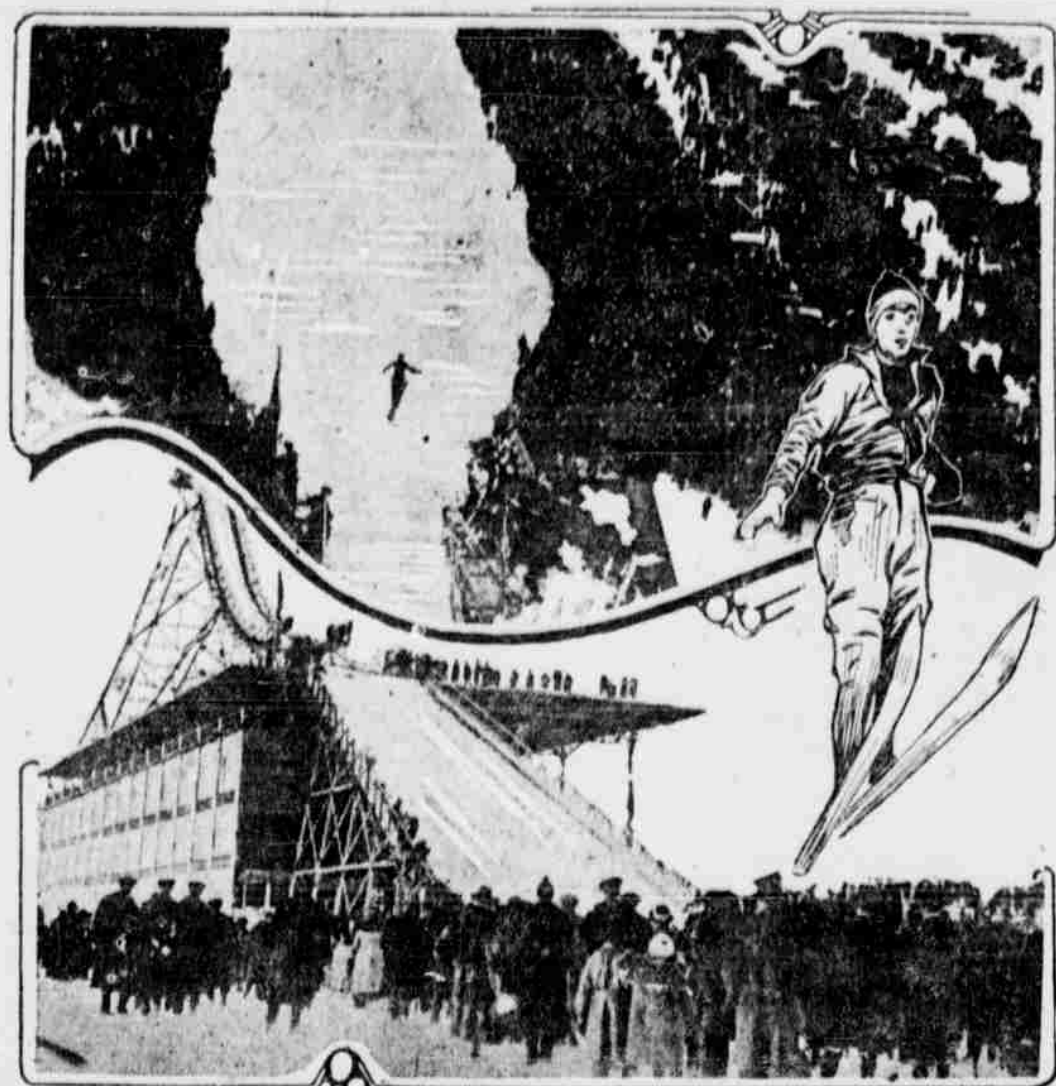
GIVE CHRISTMAS RECITAL

Ernest Prang Stamm Will Feature
Special Music This Afternoon.
Christmas music will form the major portion of the public organ recital at the First Christian church at 3:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon. Five organ selections, dealing with Christmas in a variety of musical styles, will be played by Ernest Prang Stamm.

The program to be given by Stamm and Hansel D. Johnson, baritone, will be as follows: "Sonata No. 1" (Gullstrand), composed of "Introduction and Allegro," "Pastorale," and "Finale"; baritone solo, "Abide With Me" (Parker); organ solo, "Jesu Bambino" and "Christmas in Sicily" (Gullstrand); baritone solo, "Shepherd's Pipe" (Harris); baritone solo, "How Long Will Thou Forget Me" (Evil); organ solo, "Cradle Song" (Bach); baritone solo, "O Lord, Deliver Us With Thy Blessing" (Portogallo); organ solo, "Grand Choeur Dialogue" (Gullstrand).

Switzerland is electrifying her railroads to save importing coal.

Canada's Big Sport Season Is On



Mammoth steel ski-jump built on roof of Exhibition building at Calgary and view from the jump of champion ski-jumper taking off. Note the drop this athlete is taking.

CALGARY, Alta.—Years ago there was a popular Sunday school song that began, "Far off upon the prairie, how many children dwell—? and went on to picture the loneliness and dreariness of their existence. If the man who wrote that song could make a winter journey across the vast Canadian prairies this winter he'd feel impelled to change the tenor of his song, for winter is as much a season of fun and frolic on the western plains as in the provinces blessed with heaven-kissed hills.

Every Canadian is a child when nature tucks a snowy blanket over the broad dominion—a child in his or her enthusiasm for healthful outdoor sport. Each locality has its own particular pet sport. Winnipeg is the great center for curling, that hearty sport born among the crags of "land" Scotland and brought by the early Scotch immigrants to Canada along with Scottish thrift. The big bonnets, as curling matches are termed, held each winter in the "Peg," lasts for weeks and is participated in by hundreds of players from far and near.

EASTERN CRIME WAVE SPREADING TO CENTRAL WEST

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that the ticket booth of the Brooklyn motion picture house which he managed had been robbed of \$100. Three footpads took \$50 from Thomas Stankofsky in the Bronx after beating him unconscious. Two of them were captured.

Loot Is Great.
CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Bandits today continued their active participation in the holiday season, but their method of receiving gifts was said by the police to be a bit illegitimate, if not entirely lawful.

Christmas robberies have flooded the books at the various police stations this day, combined with two kidnappings and various hold-ups, have demonstrated that the criminals of the city have determined to see they are not entirely forgotten on Christmas, even if they find it necessary to provide for themselves.

Two delivery trucks, one from a ladies' department store and the other from a store that specializes in men's clothing and furnishings were robbed last night. Goods and wraps, valued at \$10,000, ready for delivery to customers, were taken from the trucks. The goods were stolen at the edge of the look by three armed bandits.

Christmas apparel for men valued at \$5,000 and also the truck in which it was being delivered was stolen by four automobile bandits. Three of them dragged the driver into their car and threw him out several blocks from the scene of the robbery, while the fourth drove the truck away.

Herman Lieblin, part owner of a loop restaurant, was robbed of \$1,200 in cash and \$600 in jewelry early today by three robbers who forced him to alight from a taxicab while he was en route home.

J. A. McRae of Detroit and his wife were kidnapped by robbers while they were riding in McRae's automobile and a diamond watch valued at \$350 was taken from Mrs. McRae, together with \$250 from her husband. Five armed men drew up alongside the McRae car and forced the Detroit man and his wife to enter their car and one of the automobiles drove away with the other automobile. They were later put out near their hotel.

Coming New Dollars.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The Philadelphia mint is now proceeding with the coinage of the new silver dollar and the coins will be available on or about December 30, the director of the mint announced today.

Uncle Sam Restows Holiday.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Uncle Sam today gave his army of 75,000 workers in government departments a half holiday so they could go home early and get ready to play Santa Claus.

Winnipeg is preparing for a bigger and better carnival than ever this season. An ice replica of old Fort Garry will be built on the parliament building grounds which are to be enclosed with a snow wall. Within this enclosure will be an immense dancing floor, a skating rink nearly six hundred feet long and a toboggan slide accompanied by a moving sidewalk to save tobogganists the walk to the top after each slide—so here this sport will be all play and no work.

All the cities and little towns that stretch between Winnipeg and the coast have their slides, their rinks and their jumps and send teams to compete for honors at the big town carnival contests.

While Calgary is able to see the Canadian Rockies, they are 30 miles to the west, just a bit too far for playgrounds, so this enterprising western city proceeds to set up each winter a thriller of a steel ski-jump from the top of the exhibition building on its exhibition grounds, a perfectly ripping site for winter sports. Last winter no less than six one-time and present ski-jumpers

Iron Pipe Aids Oil-Worker in Fighting Bruin

OLEAN, N. Y., Dec. 24.—Daniel Sherwin, an oil worker in the wilderness, south of this city, will hang a piece of iron pipe among the ornaments of the family Christmas tree, he said today in relating how the metal had helped him beat off an attack by a black bear in a trap hollow when he was on his way to work. Sherwin opened the attack with a stroke of his forepaw which tore away Sherwin's coat sleeve and scratched his arm. Sherwin brought the piece of iron pipe down on the bear's nose and turned and ran toward a boiler house some hundred feet away.

Once during the race the bear got close enough to Sherwin to bring his claws down his back, but another blow from the iron pipe saved Sherwin, the bear running for the bush as Sherwin fell exhausted at the boiler house door.

Chief Croker Improving.
MUSKOGEE, Okla., Dec. 24.—A cablegram received today by the Times-Democrat from Mrs. Richard Croker at Glencolm castle, Dublin, Ireland, announced that her husband, former Tammany chief, was "much improved." Mrs. Croker is a former resident of this city.

New Trial Is Denied.
DEDHAM, Mass., Dec. 24.—Judge Webster Thayer today refused to grant a new trial to Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti. Judge Thayer declined to set aside the first degree murder verdict returned by a jury in the trial for the murder of South Braintree paymaster and his guard.

Big Gold Cargo Arrives.
NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Seven tons of gold, worth \$15,000,000, coming from Scandinavian countries, formed part of the cargo of the Frederick VIII, which arrived here today. The gold was consigned to the National Bank of Commerce here.

"THANKS"

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AND
Happy New Year
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LAST RITES FOR SCRIBE'S WIFE

Many Friends Attend the
Funeral Services for
Mrs. Bridgewater

Loved ones and friends looked their last on the earthly remains of Mrs. Hazel Ruth Bridgewater, wife of H. A. Bridgewater of The World editorial staff, Saturday morning and the body was laid to rest in Rose Hill cemetery.

A large group, including employees of the different departments of The World, gathered to pay honor to the dead at funeral services held at 10:30 o'clock at the Stanley-McCune chapel. Comfort to those who mourned was conveyed in beautiful songs by Louise Wood at the opening and closing of the simple ceremony and verbally by Rev. C. W. Kerr of the First Presbyterian church.

Her death has no sting for the Christian was the burden of Reverend Kerr's address. He successfully compared the casting off of mortal form to launching of a ship for a larger, more useful life, an analogy into the promised land, moving from a house on earth to a heavenly mansion, a home-going to the land where it is Christmas day every day.

Many floral tributes banded the casket. Pallbearers were Walter Ahlms, Otto Lorion, Harvey E. Rhodes, Kirk E. Laiter, Baron G. Crager and Gail M. Harper, all of The World force. There was a short service at the grave.

Death Came Suddenly.
Mrs. Bridgewater, after a short sickness, passed away early Thursday night. She was born in Florida, Ill., 29 years ago. Much of her early life was spent in Springfield, Mo., where she completed the public schools and attended the state normal school. She belonged to the Bachelor Girls' club of the city and was the first one to the club by death. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred C. Spitznagel, removed to Tulsa 19 years ago, later making their home at Vernon station. She was employed on The World just prior to her marriage. Bridgewater has twice been a member of The World staff, her services being separated by three and a half years' newspaper work in Muskogee.

Mrs. Bridgewater was of a happy, joyous nature and brought sunshine wherever she went with her smiles and warm kindness. She was unusually interested in sports and up to the beginning of her illness attended athletic events with her husband.

She leaves behind her husband and small daughter Bernice Jane, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Spitznagel of Vern, a married brother, Grover Spitznagel of Sand Springs, a married sister, Mrs. C. A. Lynch of Vern, and with the family at Vern her brother Keith and sisters Esther, Claudine and Electra May.

The funeral services were held at the funeral home yesterday were Mrs. C. A. Clark of Oklahoma City, aunt of Bridgewater, and her son Fovell Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Morris of Peoria, Ill., and their son Maynard.

Before They Were Born.
An expedition was sent to one of the southern states to observe an event which had been predicted by the sky darkened and the chickens retired to roost. The negro, amazed beyond measure, sought out the scientist.

"Professor," he asked, "how long ago did you know dem chickens would go to roost?"

"About a year ago," he replied.

"Well, if dat don't beat all! Why, perfwesser, a year ago dem chickens wasn't even hatched!"

The French government has decided that electricity must be used for lighting all suburban railroad trains after January 1, 1924, and for all trains a year later.

White Christmas Not On Tulsan's Program This Year, Apparently

There wasn't enough snow to go around yesterday so Tulsa gets no white Christmas. Shoppers shivered their blue-nosed, but happy way to weedy town and testing chattered cheerfully as a razor-edged wind that was no respecter of fur coats or ear muffs zipped its nippy way right through streets and folks.

There were two reasons for the good nature; one was that it was the day before Christmas and the other was that the polyanthus streak that is water the surface the 24th of December than any other day in the year gave everyone a fond hope that maybe the wind would bring a white Christmas. But it didn't. A few white strays that would have been enough to make a kinder climate wandered down to barren streets of a busy city and perished almost before they hit the sidewalk. But along towards afternoon a pale and wan sun cast a sickly eye on a world it had scorned hitherto and tried to cheer things up a bit. Old mercury was beyond cheering, though. He had hit the depth of his tube with a dull thud the night before and he intended to stay there. Thirty degrees was the best the old boy could do yesterday while it was his worst today.

But Tulsa hasn't had the treatment that other parts of the state have had, at that. Mercury was reduced to zero and 16 above in the panhandle section of the state, while Oklahoma City awoke to a condition of frosty panes superinduced by an 11-degree thermometer. Dodge City, Kan., reports zero weather. Goodland, Kan., 6, and Amarillo, 8.

Fair and rising temperature, the well-intentioned weather prophet says for today.

Senator Told Joke on Self

WASHINGTON.—Only a few hours before he was fatally stricken the late Senator Philander Chase Knox sat with the writer in front of a cheerful log fire in his comfy office at the capitol.

He appeared tired, although he declared the visit he just paid to England had afforded him much needed rest and relaxation. He had no premonition of the fate that awaited him upon his return to his residence.

He chatted intimately and informally, as was his wont with those he knew and trusted, and he looked forward with undiminished anticipation to the Washington conference, at which it had been suggested he might be a member of the American delegation.

There was much that he said that even his sudden taking off cannot remove the seal of confidence from, but there was one narrative he unfolded which he later repeated to several of his republican colleagues as though he regarded it in the light of a good joke on himself, and which he indicated he thought was too humorous to keep to himself.

Refused Dinners.
"While I was in England," Senator Knox told me, "I made up my mind that I would refuse all invitations to wine and dine and that Mrs. Knox and I should spend nearly all of our time motoring through the beautiful English countryside."

"But I made one exception to the rule I laid down," George Harvey, our astute ambassador, wheedled me into first dining and then into spending two days with him. He told me that Lloyd George and Lord Curzon were insistent that I dine with them, but I adhered to my rule and declined their invitation, with the usual thanks.

"I found that in England they respect a man for sticking up for America when he is an American."



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